

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 766

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2007

Mr. HOLDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS ON AWARD OF**  
2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO RICHARD L.**  
3 **ETCHBERGER, FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING**  
4 **VIETNAM ERA.**

5 (a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwith-  
6 standing the time limitations specified in section 8744(b)  
7 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limita-  
8 tion with respect to the awarding of certain medals to per-  
9 sons who served in the Air Force, the President may  
10 award the Medal of Honor posthumously under section  
11 8741 of that title to Richard L. Etchberger, of Hamburg,  
12 Pennsylvania, for the acts of valor described in subsection  
13 (b).

14 (b) ACTION DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor referred  
15 to in subsection (a) are the actions of Air Force Chief  
16 Master Sergeant Richard L. Etchberger on March 11,  
17 1968, while on a secret mission manning a radar station  
18 in Laos, in fighting off attackers armed with automatic  
19 rifles and then, while under enemy fire, loading three  
20 wounded comrades into a helicopter hoist, before he was  
21 killed by enemy fire while finally being hoisted by heli-  
22 copter.

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